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## Pabco Trailhead at Clark County Wetlands Park to Be Closed Sept. 11-20 for Construction Projects

The popular Pabco Trailhead, located about two and a half miles downstream from the Nature Preserve at Clark County Wetlands Park, will be closed from **Monday, Sept. 11, through Wednesday, Sept. 20**, so contractors, under the direction of the Nevada Environmental Response Trust (NERT), can install underground pipes to intercept and treat flows from the Las Vegas Wash diverted during construction of two nearby weirs. Visitors also are advised that periodic closures of portions of the South Loop Trail in the park will occur during construction.

Under a separate, but related project, the Southern Nevada Water Authority is building the Sunrise Mountain Weir upstream of the Pabco Trailhead along the Las Vegas Wash, and reconstructing the Historic Lateral Weir downstream of the trailhead. The weirs, or dams, are needed to slow water flows and reduce erosion along the wash. The NERT project of installing underground pipe is expected to be complete in November and the weir construction project is expected to last until September 2019. Starting in late September or early October, portions of the South Loop Trail near the Pabco Trailhead also will close periodically during construction. Signage will notify trail users of the temporary closure and detours. Visitors also can check up on construction progress and impacts via the park's website pages at [www.ClarkCountyNV.gov](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov) or by checking with staff at the Clark County Wetlands Park Nature Center, located at 7050 E. Wetlands Park Lane off Tropicana Avenue, (702) 455-7522.

"We want our visitors to be aware that temporary closures will occur when this construction effort gets under way," said Liz Bickmore, Senior Program Administrator at Clark County Wetlands Park. "We will keep our visitors updated through signage and via postings on our website and social media sites."

Additionally, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection has directed NERT to conduct an investigation and remediation effort to intercept and remove perchlorate and other contaminants in the shallow groundwater system to prevent them from reaching the Wash. The contaminants emanate from the Black Mountain Industrial (BMI) complex, a fixture in Henderson since World War 2. Wells and monitoring equipment have been installed as part of the effort, and more will be installed in near future. This project is expected to take multiple years. More information about the remediation project is available via the following websites:

- **NERT Project:** <http://nert-trust.com/>
- **NDEP NERT - BMI Cleanup:** <https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex/nevada-environmental-response-trust-nert>

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